

Assembly in 1927, with regard to the improvement of the Pallipuram-Kadutturutti road, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken in the matter?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The representation has been referred to the Chief Engineer for report.

Improvement of Canals in Vaikam Taluk.

22. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): With reference to the Dewan's reply to representation No. 117 at the 23rd session of the Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state whether they will appoint a Special Officer to investigate the present condition of the canals of Vaikam taluk and ways of improving them?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has reported that a Special Officer is not necessary at present and that the improvement of the canals is being attended to one by one. Government accept the Chief Engineer's view.

Vernacular Middle School, Punalur.

23. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vernacular Middle School, Punalur, is located in an insanitary site;

(b) if so, the action taken by them to remove this school to a suitable place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to part (a) above, this question does not arise. On other grounds, however, the question of removing the school to another site is under consideration.

Bridge across Hanumannadi.

24. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

(1) Are the Government aware that the people of Klangad have to cross the Hanumannadi for buying their daily necessities of life?

(2) Is it a fact that casualties occur almost every year during floods in the Hanumannadi running through the villages of Aikudi and Samburvadakara for want of a bridge there to cross the river?

(3) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them to prevent this calamity?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Petitions have been received pointing out that the people have often to cross the river.

(2) Government have no information.

(3) An estimate for the construction of a bridge over the Hanumannadi river at Ayikudi is under preparation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (1), may I know from the member whether, apart from petitions, representations also have been made in the Popular Assembly?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I shall take the information from the member.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member whether interpellations also have been sent to the Legislative Council previously?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That has not been referred to in the member's interpellation.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (2), may I know from the member whether the answer given is based on facts?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Necessarily.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I challenge the member. May I refer the member to the representation in the last Session of the Assembly where Mr. Lakshmana Karayalar has said "The Hanuman nadi, running through the villages of Ayikudi and Samburvadakara, had no bridges across it and all traffic, both wheeled and pedestrian, had to pass along the bed of the river. There were casualties every year during floods. To avoid future accidents two bridges should be constructed."

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): When a member gives an information, he gives it on his own responsibility and not on the responsibility of the Government.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then, Sir, am I to understand that the Government have no information about it? It is not a question of the responsibility of the member or not?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information. That is the answer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand that the representation of the member has not been considered by the Government as sufficient information?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then, may I know from the member how information has to be given to the Government except as representations?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to the Government*): The Government accepts an information as genuine after investigating it.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Am I to understand it from the member that this representation given in the Popular Assembly is not information sufficient for the Government to act upon?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is an information for the Government to act upon but not to accept.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know from the member what information Government accept?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Information based upon investigation undertaken by their officers.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Then, may I know from the member whether this is sufficient information for the Government to make investigations?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That is not a supplementary question.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Piraviperumal Pillai, I am afraid that your question assumes too much of the tone of cross-examination and therefore I rule it out of order.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I submit it is not my idea. I am only asking supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT: It is distinct cross-examination and therefore an abuse of the right of questioning.

Meetings of the Public Library Committee.

25. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the Trivandrum Public Library, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any rule as regards the number of meetings to be held every year by the Trivandrum Public Library Committee;

(b) whether any meeting was held or summoned during the last three years (1100-1102) and, if so, how many;

(c) whether the Government have authorised the committee to transact business by circulation of papers; and

(d) whether the Government would fix the number of meetings which should be held every year?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes. The rule is that the committee shall meet at least twice a year and at such other times as the Honorary Secretary may find necessary for the transaction of business.

(b) Yes. Six meetings were held during the last three years.

(c) No. But it has been the long-standing practice in the Library to transact business by circulation of papers also.

(d) In view of the answer to part (a), this question does not arise.

Auctioning of a Road Poramboke at Oachira.

26. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):

(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken on the petitions sent in Edavam 1101, by the inhabitants of the *karas* around Oachira and by some of the owners of lands adjoining the public road at Oachira to the Dewan and the Chief Engineer complaining about the auctioning of the narrow strip of *poramboke* on the eastern side of the road at Oachira by the P. W. D. authorities, for the location of temporary shops during the month of Mithunain when the Oachira *Kali* and fairs take place?

(2) Are the Government aware that such occupation of the *poramboke* adjoining the road on one side and private compounds on the other causes great inconvenience and even danger to the public at large during the *Kali* and fairs, when large crowds of persons, animals and vehicles congregate at the place and considerable loss and legal damage to the owners of the adjoining lands by making their lands useless for the location of temporary shops?